



MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Out of County Assistance to Kern County Fire Department

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

July 23, 2013, 8:32 a.m.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Water Incident: On Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 8:32 a.m., Kern County Fire Department received a report of two separate grass fires burning near the southbound 5 Freeway north of the Water Hole in the unincorporated community of Lebec in Kern County. Upon arrival, firefighters found that both the fires had joined and were quickly burning out of control. We received a request for assistance from Kern County Fire and at 12:42 p.m. we deployed two camp crew strike teams (consisting of two camp crews and one superintendent each) as well as one battalion chief. Kern County Fire is currently reporting 375 acres burned with 25 percent containment and no estimated date of full containment. A total of 300 firefighters are currently on scene battling this blaze. Currently, it is 85 degrees at the fire location and there is a slow driven wind coming from the west. Evacuations are in place for the Digier Canyon Community where approximately 45 homes are being threatened. Kern County Fire has determined that this is a separate incident unrelated to the Rancho Incident in the same County. No firefighter injuries have been reported. There is currently no fire involvement in Los Angeles County.

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